In the Specification

On page 12, line 17, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Preemption manager 303 and bandwidth allocation adaptor 305 maintain a timely estimate of the current channel quality factor σ(j) to each receiver j (it is assumed that different receivers may have different channel characteristics). Each time a packet is transmitted, the bandwidth estimate is updated based on observable channel statistics. In the preferred embodiment of the present invention this is determined as described in US Patent Application Serial No. ~~_____(Docket No. CML00505NR)~~ <u>10/439,788</u>, however one or ordinary skill in the art will recognize that channel quality may be determined in other manners as well.